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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 2010  
APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on February 25, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

***CALL TO ORDER***

Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Lawrence A. Letsche, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson  
Kim Beattie, Public Member  
Michelle Kopcha, D.V.M.  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.

***Members Absent:*** Carlene Allen, Public Member  
Steven Halstead, D.V.M., M.S., Ex-Officio Member  
Nancy C. Postorino-Reeves, D.V.M.  
Christopher Rohwer, D.V.M.  
Amanda Stitt, Public Member

***Staff Present:*** Bonnie Curtis, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Amy Shell, Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division  
Pam Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Cathie Boynton, Licensing Division

***Others Present:*** Marianne Tear – Baker College

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Letsche, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the December 1, 2009 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Letsche, seconded by Kopcha, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE**

Clark reported that members of the board may take the NAVLE exam during the November/December window at no cost to give their feedback regarding the exam.

Clark reported that at the last meeting there was discussion regarding the National Veterinary Technician exam. She stated there have been ongoing concerns regarding the cost of the exam.

Clark stated there are also concerns regarding the dates of the exam which will be held July 15 – August 15, 2010. Individuals will need to apply with for state licensure and then they may apply to the AASVB for the national exam.

Clark stated there are also concerns regarding the exam sites. She stated that the exam can be taken at any approved site in the U.S. and Canada. The exam will be a maximum of four (4) hours. She stated that the state exam will be held the third Friday in June at Michigan State University.

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Vaupel reported that the committee members received a draft of the proposed rules changes for Continuing Professional Development. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2010. The committee hopes to present the draft to the full board at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Shell reported that a public hearing has been scheduled for March 25, 2010 for the rules currently in progress.

### **ALLEGATION REVIEW REPORT**

Vaupel reported that allegations have been coming in at the normal rate.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

No report.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **GRETCHEN RUTH STEININGER, D.V.M. – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION**

**Motion** by Letsche, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant reinstatement, in the matter of Gretchen Ruth Steininger, D.V.M.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Beattie, Kopcha, McMahon-Pelton, Letsche and Vaupel

### **MOTION PREVAILED**

**Motion** by Letsche, seconded by Kopcha, to grant Petitioner a limited license for a period of two (2) years with the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Petitioner shall have direct, on-site supervision during the first year.
- 2) Petitioner shall have general supervision during the second year.
- 3) Petitioner shall submit quarterly supervisor reports during the first year of limitation.

Petitioner's license shall be automatically reclassified to a full and unlimited license.

Petitioner shall be placed on concurrent probation with the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Petitioner shall complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of continuing education with five (5) of those hours being in exotic animals and two (2) of those hours being in medical records. The medical records course shall be completed within the first year of probation. The remaining thirteen (13) hours shall be in general small animal medicine. All courses shall be pre-approved by the board chairperson or designee.
- 2) Petitioner shall submit quarterly employer reports during the second year of probation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Beattie, Kopcha, McMahon-Pelton, Letsche and Vaupel

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tear thanked the board for their work on veterinary technician licensing and stated her opinion on the exams.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Kopcha, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

  
Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson

4/22/10  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

2-25-10  
Date Minutes Prepared